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Dear Bruce:

As you guessed we have been rather discombobulated but our lab program is working itself out now and things are moving more smoothly. If I had to answer you promptly, it might have been more frantically negative than now. We would certainly love to have you out here. There are perhaps two problems: financing, which we can at least try to work out, and perhaps more important enough composure on our part to make it worthwhile for you to make this visit. There was a time when I hardly saw enough of my own students and I was quite displeased with myself just last month not to have taken very much advantage of Arber's visit here. However, we can be at least hopeful that this aspect of things will change. The main thing I want to write to you about is that we may have a chance to discuss this in person even sooner than April. Barring some drastic change in reservations, I will be flying through London on January 10th on my way to Nice for a meeting of the International Symposium on Space Research. I hope to have a chance to see you en route even if only for an hour or two at the airport between planes, as I will probably be rather rushed. Can you afford to let the matter hang fire until then? We will, of course, be seeing much more of you in April. If you have not heard this already from Brian Lacey, I can verify that we are both looking forward to coming. We are planning to go down to Mexico City just after Christmas so we will have to work at it now to get anything done in the meantime.

As ever,

Joshua Lederberg